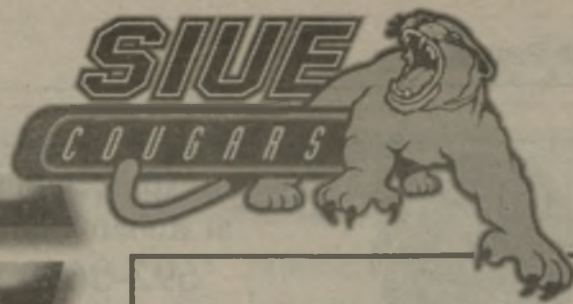


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Separation of schools discussed at meeting

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE Student Government had its hands full Friday reviewing annual allocations and discussing the possibility of SIUE splitting from its counterpart in Carbondale.

While the split is still up in the air, Student Government President Dell Jones said she hopes to put those rumors aside and make an effort to convince the state legislation to keep the schools the way they are.

"I don't want it separated," Jones said.

"So, (Student Trustee) Rick Maurer is getting together with the senators and myself to commit this week and next week to get signatures to support (keeping the school together) because our (Southern Illinois University) President (James Walker) and the board of trustees

want to keep the schools as sister schools."

Meanwhile, a two-week wait, the senators approved their endorsement for the presentation of blueprints for the proposed additions to the Student Fitness Center.

However, Jones said she believes there is still work that needs to be done if this is to be built.

"We are interested in seeing how this will turn out," Jones said. "What I mean by that is (to) go ahead and get an architectural firm and let's get supplies.

"(Also) let's talk about money first and how that is going to affect students. So, we decided to take the conservative route," Jones said.

The senators also suggested significant changes upon reviewing the constitutions of three student organizations,

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Love and flowers are in the air



KRISTEN REBER/ALESTLE

Rhys Luster and Adam Stahlman busy themselves wrapping flowers in tissue paper for Valentine's Day Monday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Auction and dinner gala to benefit charity

SARA WEST
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The SIUE chapter of the National Students Speech Language and Hearing Association is hosting its annual charity "NSSLHA Loves" campaign dinner from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

The charity gala will take place at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and entertainment. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, February 21.

The bash will also feature a silent auction of gift certificates to area restaurants and businesses including Bella Milano, Porter's Steakhouse, Hard Rock Cafe, Dave & Buster's, Kohl's, Gordmans, Maryville Fun Tyme and The Funny Bone Comedy Club.

Other auction items include materials for speech and language treatment sessions.

"(SIUE NSSLHA will)

contact a lot of publishing companies and (the companies) will donate items and materials clinicians can use in therapy," NSSLHA dinner committee chair and SIUE senior Cara Barker said.

Each year, the event's proceeds benefit a different charity associated with communication disorders and the 2005 recipient is the National Organization for Rare Disorders Inc.

Barker said NSSLHA does not have a set goal but does accept a donation in any amount and tries to raise as much money as possible each year.

"Last year (the money raised) was between \$2,000 and \$3,000," Barker said.

The National Institutes of Health reported approximately 6,000 rare diseases affecting more than 25 million people in the United States. The Food and Drug Administration said a rare disease is defined as a disease

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Bill would split SIU campuses

STORMY TETREAU
NEWS STRINGER

State Rep. Tom Holbrook said he wants to see SIUE become a university separate from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Holbrook, a Democrat from Belleville and an SIUE graduate, admits there is little chance of success for the bill he introduced this session. But, he said, he intends to keep trying.

"Every session I plan to keep putting the bill in," Holbrook said.

He called SIUE a "stepchild"

to the Carbondale campus and said he believes SIUE has been limited by the unified system with a board of trustees that has historically favored the Carbondale interests.

"Our growth has been stunted for 35 years," Holbrook said.

SIUE Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Boyd Bradshaw said examining the last 20 years is more on target.

"Since 1984, (SIUE) has grown from 10,820 students to 13,493," Bradshaw said. "We have also seen 10 straight years

of enrollment increase. We have not seen a decrease, which is a significant stat that shows the interest of students enrolling at SIUE."

Further, David Gross, an assistant to SIU President James Walker, said the university administration "does not believe that being a member of a multischool system in any way stifles educational excellence or creativity."

According to SIU Assistant Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs Cory Bradford, SIUE will "receive a

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Banquet to aid tsunami victims

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

The Catholic Campus Ministry and the United Campus Ministry ministers will present the Hunger Banquet at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Religious Center.

This program will show how those living in poverty are surviving. The proceeds will go to tsunami victims.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Director Claudia Calzetta said the organizations hope to raise awareness about the situation.

"(The purpose is) to help sensitize the community to the needs of the poor throughout the world and our responsibility to reach out to those affected by poverty," Calzetta said.

Those attending will be split into three different groups, a high-income group, middle-income group and a lower-

income group.

Calzetta said people in the high-income group will sit at a table and enjoy a full meal. Those in the middle-income group will sit in chairs and eat rice and beans, and those in the low-income group will have to sit on the floor with only rice and water.

Calzetta said those participating in the low-income group are representatives of those

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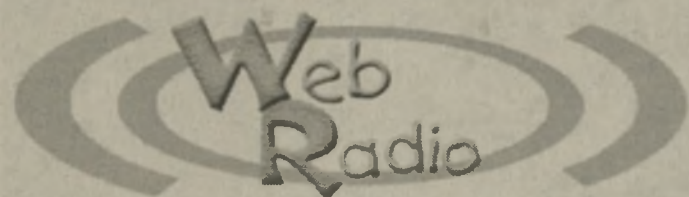
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Learn to back country cook at clinic

RYAN WARTICK
NEWS STRINGER

Those who enjoy the outdoors but are concerned with lugging around heavy food or eating old sandwiches should check out the new and innovative ways to prepare trail meals.

Campus Recreation is hosting a Back Country Cooking Clinic from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the Group Activity Room of the Vadalabene Center.

The clinic is free for students and \$5 for faculty and staff. Registration ends Friday. Participants will get to taste much of the food, as well as make it.

"We want to show people

that you don't have to starve or eat peanut butter and jelly for three days when you go camping," Campus Recreation general assistant Matt Goddard said.

SIUE Outdoor Recreation staff will teach participants how to prepare many different types of meals, including information on new technology that allows food to be cooked in a bag with no flame.

"You just add water to the bag with the food and a chemical reaction cooks the food," Goddard said. "It's really pretty cool."

Preparing meals for large groups and long trips will also be covered.

"The focus will be on planning for extended trips,

especially backpacking trips where weight is a major concern," Goddard said. "We'll be using most of these techniques on our Grand Canyon trip in May."

The camping trip is an eight-day excursion that departs May 10 and includes three days of camping in the Grand Canyon. The trip is \$265 for students, \$310 for faculty, staff and alumni and \$335 for guests. Registration and a \$100 deposit are due by Monday, March 28.

Anyone interested in the cooking clinic can sign up at the front desk of the Student Fitness Center. For more information about the clinic or the Grand Canyon camping trip, call Goddard at 650-3235.

Band adds jazz to wrestling



DREW WILKIE/ ALESTLE

The SIUE Organ Trio performed at Sunday's wrestling match. The SIUE Organ Trio consists of graduate student Phil Dunlap on organ, junior Curt Brewer on guitar and sophomore Alfonso Jones on drums.

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slightly higher percent increase than SIUC due to its enrollment growth in recent years."

He noted that "the vast majority of the projects funded in the 1990s were at the Edwardsville campus."

One of Holbrook's concerns is the Edwardsville campus does not offer enough of the programs needed in a metropolitan area.

If a professional "needs a master's degree to move up ... right now a lot of those degree programs are not offered in Edwardsville. If someone wants a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, they have to go to Missouri," Holbrook said.

Holbrook said he believes enrollment would dramatically increase if SIUE would offer

more educational programs.

SIUE chemistry professor Sadegh Khazaeli noted it would take time to expand educational programs.

If SIUE were to increase the number of doctoral studies, "It would take 10 years ... we would have to take our standards higher. Most graduate students in science are not prepared to go to a Ph.D. program," Khazaeli said.

Mass communications professor Riley Maynard has been with SIUE for 24 years.

"Most of the people that I have talked to are against splitting the campuses and think that there are benefits to be gained by being the second-largest university of the state," Maynard said.

Maynard acknowledged, however, that there is support for Holbrook's position.

"There are people who think that the potential for growth is in Edwardsville instead of Carbondale," Maynard said.

SIUE Assistant Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy said the SIU system works well.

"It is a legitimate need of the taxpayers to have the dual campus," he said. "The clout in Springfield as a dual campus is much more powerful."

Conroy said Holbrook is "a friend of the university and we appreciate him, and he has our interests at heart, but we have to respectfully disagree on this."

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affecting fewer than 200,000 people.

NORD was formed in 1983 to provide a central source of information and assistance for people affected by 'rare diseases.

NORD's Web site at www.rarediseases.org said the donations made to the organization go directly toward programs and services for

patients and family members.

Worth magazine selected NORD as one of the best 100 charities in 2002 and 2003.

The SIUE NSSLHA event is created and organized by students.

For those interested in donating or purchasing tickets to the event, e-mail the NSSLHA officers at siuensslha@hotmail.com.

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in poverty around the world.

"For one meal, they suffer the fate of the millions of people throughout the world who live in poverty," Calzetta said.

Calzetta said she wanted others to realize people did not choose where they wanted to be in life.

"To underscore the fact that each one of us had no say as to where and in which country or nation we were born," Calzetta

said.

The ministries are asking for an optional donation of \$5. Calzetta said the money will go to Oxfam International for tsunami relief.

Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, and donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, contact Calzetta at 650-3205 or the Religious Center at 650-3246.

Campus Scanner

Blood Drive: The Red Cross will be running a blood drive from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday on the Stratton Quadrangle. Donors will receive a coupon for a free Dairy Queen Blizzard. For more information, contact John Davenport at 650-2686.

Storytelling: Join storyteller Rudy Wilson from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge for a storytelling experience about African and African-American contributions to American history. Contact Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686 for more information.

From Slavery to Freedom: Guest speaker Francis Bok will detail his life as a slave in Sudan from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Bok will also speak

about slavery and genocide in Africa. For more information, contact Filmon Tekeste at Philly_B63@yahoo.com

Black Heritage Month Game Show: Join Alpha Phi Alpha and Campus Activities Board from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge for a Black Heritage Month Game Show competition. For more information, contact Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

Christian Worship: An ecumenical Christian worship service will be held from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Dome Room of the Religious Center. For more information, contact the Rev. Paul Burden at 650-3206.

French Conversation Hour: Join the French section of the

Department of Foreign Languages and Literature from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center Cafeteria for French conversation and relaxed atmosphere. Contact Geert Pallemans at 650-3548 for more information.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

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Black Heritage Month 2005

Remembering Our Past:

Tuesday, February 1-27

Art Exhibit – *Warriors, Dreamers, and Rhymers: An Extra-literary Exhibit from the Eugene B. Redmond Collection*

Art Gallery, Morris University Center
The exhibit focuses on the artistic and educational dimensions of cultural artifacts relating to African American literary art and performance. The exhibit will combine images with excerpts from African American writers and tribute poems by Eugene B. Redmond. Reception: Sunday, February 6, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Thursday, February 17

Black Heritage Month
Game Show

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Come compete against other contestants Street Smarts style and show your knowledge of Blacks in the entertainment field. This program will feature contestants who prove how smart they are by predicting how other people will answer. Co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Tuesday, February 22

Cosby's Comments:
Criticism and Controversy

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision, remarks made by Bill Cosby ignited a plethora of comments from Black leaders, the media and others. This panel presentation will discuss reactions to his statements.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686 for a detailed schedule of events, or go to the Campus Activities Board's website at www.siu.edu/CAB. All events are subject to change. Funded in whole or part by Student Activity Fee dollars. Black Heritage Month is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.



Building Our Future



Keepers of the Dream – Part III
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Carl Mack, president of the Seattle Chapter of the NAACP, will speak on the importance of cultural awareness in today's society. Sponsored by National Society of Black Engineers.

Thursday, February 24

Blacks, Bullets, and Brigades

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
A panel discussion will review the historical and current role played by African Americans in the U.S. Military.

7th Annual Black Heritage Month
Talent Show

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Come watch students perform their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents during this annual event featuring local performer "X-Man". Co-sponsored by R.A.M.

Friday-Saturday,
February 25-26

Black Theater Workshop
7:30 PM

Dunham Hall Theater

A showcase of the work of African American playwrights.

Saturday, February 26

African Night

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Enjoy an evening of African culture through dance, food, and entertainment. SIUE Students: \$10.00; SIUE Faculty/Staff and General Public: \$12.00. Sponsored by the African Student Association.

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Employee of the month

CHAVON CURRY
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Each month SIUE honors an employee for his or her contributions to the university.

The recipient of the February Employee Recognition Award is Nancy Waltz, secretary for the Office of Clinical Experience, Certification and Advisement in the School of Education.



Nancy Waltz

Waltz has worked with the School of Education for three years. As secretary, Waltz is responsible for sending out requests for student teachers, organizing and completing placements for field observations and sending out confirmation letters to both students and teachers.

Waltz said she enjoys her job.

"I enjoy working with the students," Waltz said. "I try to get them placed close to home for their student teaching."

Her supervisor, OCECA Director Gretchen Fricke, nominated Waltz for the award.

Fricke described Waltz as "always willing to go the extra mile."

"I think she does a phenomenal job," Fricke said. "She's so knowledgeable and always willing to help. She always has a positive outlook on things and is very organized. She definitely has a 'can do' attitude."

A reception to honor her work will be at 10:45 a.m. Friday in the dean's suite of the School of Education.

Waltz will receive a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate to the Morris University Center Bookstore, a close parking spot for one month and two complimentary lunch coupons for the University Restaurant.

For more information, call Human Resources Manager Shrylene Clark at 650-2155.

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notably the Resident Housing Association.

Among other flaws, the Resident Housing Association's constitution lacked a grade point average requirement to join or even maintain membership.

"I am not happy with that," Jones said. "I believe before we get to the Student Government meeting that should be taken care of."

"I need to get to the bottom of how constitutions are coming before the senate," Jones said. "Constitutions need to be tiptop before they get to the senate."

In addition, the senators approved the fiscal year 2005 student fee review, along with the fiscal year 2006 annual allocations, which included cutting down on allowances to student organizations for supplies. Also, all requests for funding must be typed to be considered for help from the Finance Board.

"We went over them at the Executive Board Monday, and at first I thought they were conservative," Jones said. "But as (Finance Board Chair) Leamond Sloan went through and explained the reasons why the Finance Board had suggested the things that they did, it makes sense."

"We need to be better stewards of the money," Jones said.

Vice President Cindy Holesko later approached the senate with her amendment revisions for the Student Government Constitution and bylaw.

The first one featured the creation of an internal affairs chair to replace the director of personnel and adding a tuition and fees committee. The second amendment included the replacement of the Public Relations Committee with the External Affairs Committee. The third amendment involved the addition of a treasurer to the Finance Board while the fourth would add executive officer transition reports. The final amendment suggested including goal reports in vice presidential duties.

New additions to committees were approved, welcoming Cameron Cobb to the Finance Board, Julia Jacobs to the Student Organization Advisory Board, Timothy Goldman to the Distinguished Services Committee and Carl Mitchell to the Technology Advisory Council.

The Senate meets again at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.



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Opinions & Editorial viewpoints & commentary

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The Alestle editors and staff have decided that, as of Monday, the "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" ads will be removed from the campus. This decision was not made because of pressure from the administration, and it was not made due to the petition that was presented to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It was not an issue of taste for the Alestle; it was an issue of where we were willing to devote our time and energy. We felt the argument had run its course, and that was reflected in

A decision has been made

the fact the poll on www.thealestle.com never had a strong majority in favor of either side. As a newspaper, we felt we made our argument and had opened the lines of communication to remove the ads.

I began this as a learning experience for not only myself, but also the campus. I was hoping to have an open debate where both sides could be heard and, though a consensus might not be reached, we could all be exposed to the other viewpoint. I felt that, as a college campus, we were in an environment that would be receptive and open and not resort to petty bickering. I feel now I gave too much credit to some people on this campus.

For those person(s) who decided to resort to bickering, name calling, smear campaigning and other actions that I had before only associated with our political system, I am saddened and disheartened that you could

not handle the situation like adults and be kind and receptive to another's thoughts and opinions.

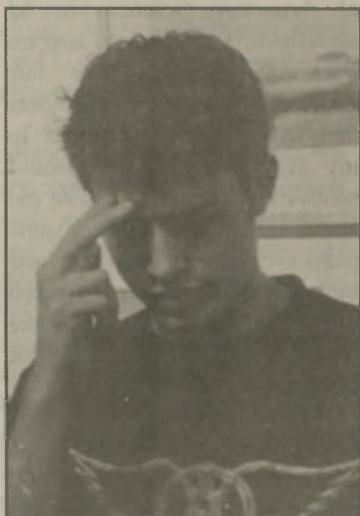
For those person(s) who took it upon themselves to place signs on our display stands and the person(s) who took it upon themselves to remove the smaller ads from the display stands, you should be ashamed. The fact you resorted to vandalism and petty theft in order for your side to feel it was winning merely serves to discredit your argument entirely. The Alestle does not respond to these actions and they have been reported to the authorities.

For those of you who acted with maturity and gave your opinion without resorting to the acts mentioned above, I am honored and proud I share a campus with you. That you were willing to share your opinion without sinking to a lower level is something I find very admirable in any person regardless which side you are on.

I would also like to add it has been proposed the Alestle is not capable of making decisions about ads and that a board should be formed to decide what ads will and will not be displayed on campus. Let me say this borders on illegal. We are a student-run newspaper, and such action is approaching censorship. Secondly, I would like to say we feel we are capable of making decisions for ourselves and that making those decisions helps us to learn and become better individuals.

When it came to the ad, we decided there was really no winning either way. The First Amendment is always worth defending; however, we, as a paper, have to pick our battles. If anyone would like to say more on the issue or on any other campus subject, we are certainly willing to listen.

Tyler Bennett
Editor in Chief



Walking from the Morris University Center on my way to class Thursday, I glanced at the wooden kiosk near Peck Hall, which usually serves as an epicenter of somewhat important information for school events and organizations. Usually,

That was not the case, as my eyes were greeted by a neon yellow flier that held the weighty words, "Where Do YOU Stand???"

And thus, I was smitten by the paper-furnished obscenities that followed.

"We stand for gender and racial equality. We stand for change."

"We stand for the protection against the unborn child. We stand proud of our stance on the Second Amendment, family, religion and life. We stand for the protection of the innocent and justice for the guilty. We stand for steady, consistent and principled leadership."

Conservative flier offends liberal

At the bottom, in giant bold print was the following:

"Will you stand up to liberalism? Join the Conservative Student Organization."

You may have seen this flier around school and you might have been thinking the same things I have.

"Didn't our Founding Fathers' morals include slave ownership and denying women the right to vote?"

Or maybe, "Racial equality? Wait, didn't some of the Republicans find ways to block African-American voters from making it to the polls in 2000?"

Shouldn't church and state be separate? What about all of the corporations that still walk freely from court cases thanks to monetary clout? When did the freaking National Rifle Association invade the school grounds? Don't the President's values on life conflict with the fact he's still sending our boys to war to kill or be killed?

Yes, many of those points can be argued both ways, and maybe I am a little biased on those issues to write such input. But what takes the cake is the last line, "Will you stand up to liberalism?"

As hate filled as such a sentiment is, it's pairing the phrase with the famous picture "The Unknown Rebel" by Associated Press photographer

Jeff Widener that pushes this flier to the realms of ignorant stupidity and obscenity.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the image, it is a photograph of a protestor in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, standing in front of a column of tanks, risking life and limb to single-handedly stop the advancement.

The photo is a great example of the human endurance to tyranny and oppression. And maybe this kind of easily understandable symbolism is the gimmick with which the Conservative Student Organization hoped to reel in new members. But as I have learned in art history, no photograph can exist without a context. Especially in photojournalism, which is why this was a sore mistake on behalf of CSO.

Since the CSO obviously doesn't understand what event it's dealing with, I will lay it out for them, with the help of the resourceful www.wikipedia.org.

The Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 were a series of student-led, pro-democracy demonstrations in the People's Republic of China, which occurred between April 15 and June 4, 1989. The protest is named after the location of the extremely violent suppression of the pro-democracy movement by

the Chinese government.

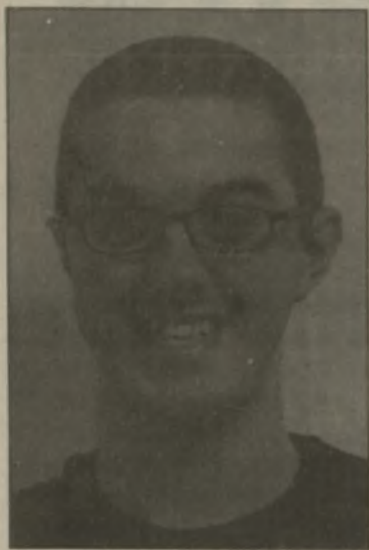
Approximately 100,000 students and workers peacefully marched in Beijing demanding democratic reforms May 4. The government declared martial law May 20. However, the demonstrations continued.

After deliberation among the Communist leaders, a hard-line approach was chosen, and the government ordered troops and tanks into Tiananmen Square. The People's Liberation Army brutally crushed the pro-democracy supporters June 3 and 4. Estimates of civilian deaths vary: 400 to 800 according to the New York Times, 2,600 according to the Chinese Red Cross. Injuries are generally held to have been between 7,000 and 10,000.

Following the violence, the government conducted widespread arrests to suppress the remaining supporters of the movement, banned the foreign press and strictly controlled coverage of the events in the Chinese press. The violent suppression of the Tiananmen Square protest caused widespread international condemnation of the Chinese government.

But maybe the CSO knew all of this and wanted to cleverly, and subtly, state the democrats were all communists and that

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Every year on Feb. 14, we get the same thing.

"Hey oogie-woogie, will you be my valentine?"

"Sure thing, sugar dumpling ... I love you"

Ugh, it's enough even to

Valentine's Day doesn't sit well with everyone

make Barney the dinosaur sick.

Does this day have to come? I mean, sure it is aimed at peace and love around the world. But don't we do that with Christmas too? What's up with that? Why not just stick with Christmas?

In grade school I always got a valentine from classmates, and that made me feel good. Companies like Hallmark always made ads and products that looked like this holiday was for everyone, even good ol' Charlie Brown.

Problem is, Charlie Brown never got a valentine ... for anyone who remembers watching that special, all the kids got one but him. Man, I felt bad for the guy. Even though some kids

changed ones they received and gave them to him out of pity, it still didn't fit the "big picture" of Valentine's Day. I think the same thing happened to Ralph Wiggum on "The Simpsons." Poor guy.

Unfortunately, I have picked up on it too as I have gone through high school and college, and have discovered that V-day is only aimed at lovey-dovey couples that would give us singles a good reason to bring a barf bag to class.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, have no fear. I have the top five solutions to make V-day the best holiday of all.

1. Ride a time machine ahead to Feb. 15 and skip all the real (e)motion sickness. If Marty

from "Back to the Future" can do it, why not anyone else? All you have to do is find some plutonium, pay someone a ton of money to build the time machine and all your problems are solved.

Realistic? No. But, it would sure be a ton of fun.

2. Perform an anti-Valentine's Day ritual that would make the holiday disappear. Since magic is such a big thing now, I would like to see if I could get David Copperfield to pull off this one. It would be the best magic trick I have ever seen.

Actually, I thought about animal sacrifice as a way to make the day go away, but that's how the Romans celebrated the day so

I guess that wouldn't work.

3. Recreate calendars and make the month of February without the 14th day. You know, like an elevator without a 13th floor button. People will never miss it - I mean, really, do you ever wonder where the 13th floor of a building went? I figured with the way busy people are these days, they probably wouldn't notice the missing day.

4. Pull a little "Men in Black" action and use some flashy device to erase people's memory of the holiday. My intention here was to use it and tell people the holiday never existed, including the CEOs at Hallmark and other people who

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Letters to the editor Male student responds to his critics

To all of the readers of my letter to the editor found in Thursday's edition of the Alestle who understood that I was using wit as a tool to poke fun at a situation that I feel has been blown out of proportion I would like to say thank you. To the members of the university community who did not observe this wit let me offer this explanation of my letter. I feel that I must publicly make this explanation due to the following fact; a nameless person or persons felt that it was necessary to place fliers over the Alestle stands in university buildings. In these fliers I and two other persons that I will leave nameless were bashed for our stance on the removal of the notorious Harold & Kumar poster. To better help whoever created these fliers understand what I stand for I will offer this explanation.

I would first like to clarify that under no circumstance I expected anyone to interpret this letter as to be a literal viewpoint of mine. It was nothing more than a witty reflection on what I observed, wit being the intellectual keenness and the ability to perceive and express in a diverting way analogies

between dissimilar things. This definition and the definition of any other words that I use in this letter that may not be part of your vocabulary can be found in The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition.

I also don't want the College of Arts and Sciences to be abolished. If this was to happen not only would I be left majorless, but faculty members that have been cornerstones in my formation of self would probably not want to talk to me again. I don't want to wear snow pants every day in the winter, and burlap makes me itch. I figured this would be understood by the reader, but that is what I get for assuming.

To address your claim that I have no clue as to what goes on in the art building, you are 100 percent correct. I have never had a class in the art building and never will. I, however, do not believe that people who attend art classes or the professors and instructors who teach art classes are sleazy. I assumed that everyone reading the letter would understand that, and I am amazed that everyone did not.

I would like to take this

opportunity to address the nameless person who created the flier. If you would have taken the time to properly digest my letter you would have seen that we have a similar stance on the issue. I, however, chose to use a level of discourse that you felt was unnecessary, that being the form of intellectual written communication, one I suggest you consider trying.

Here is one more word of advice for you to allow you to get your point across better next time. Next time you feel that you must publicly bash people for an opinion that is not similar to your own go about it the right way. Try sitting down and writing a letter, proofread it, and then go about publishing it properly. This way instead of putting up a flier full of typos, including the misspelling of my name, you will be able to state your opinion in a way that will make you appear as an educated student/faculty member of SIUE rather than the way you appeared to everyone who read your poster; an unintelligent embarrassment.

Allan Largent
Speech Communications
Junior

Student says no to board over Alestle

I offer this letter as small but sincere objective defense to the staff of the Alestle in regards to recent controversy over an advertisement for "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle," which has been displayed in the Morris University Center. I am writing because, in the spring of 2004, I was one of two nominees to become editor in chief of the Alestle and had I been selected instead of Tyler Bennett, I also would find myself in the same

position. I also write not to discuss socialism or male and female imagery, but rather to discuss a thoughtful decision making progress from which we could all benefit.

Criticism, as you know, has come to the paper for the content of an ad the paper has displayed, and criticism has been published in recent editions of the Alestle. While you are all welcome to read these letters and draw your own conclusions, I do disagree

with Audrey Tallant's proposed committee to oversee advertising and content display. Doing this would only send us backward in becoming a progressive educational environment. This is a learning institution where we should learn to be accountable for our own actions and learn from our mistakes. Remember, the Alestle is a student organization made up of students who are here to learn these values. Besides, the

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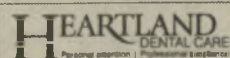
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FLIER

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you, as a student of a great American university, need to stand up to their liberal, communist ways.

This is a very real possibility, and I'm sure, upon reading, all the members will be proud of the cleverness, if this is indeed the case. But if this possibility is real,

then this is no different than a liberal, or liberal-minded person like myself, drafting a flier that shows a picture of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis with the line, "Will you stand up to conservatism?"

Both fliers effectively would be name-calling aimed at the radical extremists of the

opposing side of the political spectrum. The only difference being, and we all know this, that the liberal would have been lambasted in public and beaten by a bunch of Republicans for putting up such a flier, whereas the CSO flier would be left alone since it seems symbolic and

acceptable – to those who don't understand what Tiananmen protestors stood for.

But that reality is not as watertight since no Democrat would publicly post such obscene and ignorant smut. Doesn't the CSO realize its flier only serves to polarize the minds of its readers into an "us or them" position?

But if this is all a symbolic argument, then the CSO still loses. Just think for a minute – when is the last time you saw a

conservative protesting? I'm pretty sure 10 out of 10 protestors in oppressive governments, which, thanks to the Patriot Act, we are slowly becoming, are not going to be Republican. I'm going to put my money on the fact that, if there were to be any right-wing hard-liners in the situation presented by this photograph, they'd be in the tanks.

Nate Jones
Columnist

LOVE

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push us into buying things we don't need.

Instead, insist that everyone's birthday is a national holiday and focus more on that - that way no one gets left out.

5. If all else fails, sneak into every television station and change the line-ups from sappy love movies to "It's a Wonderful Life" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Why do this? Well, good ol' Chuck gets his dignity back from that horrendous Valentine's special with hearts and stuff, and this would send a message to everyone that love

should be about togetherness, and not candy and fancy dinners. Blech!

Sure, these are far-fetched ideas, and most might wonder, could this actually work?

But, for those who are as sickened as I am at the overrated Hallmark holiday, these could be the best escape routes. If you can pull it off, anyway, then I give you kudos.

If anyone has additional ideas, then let me know.

In any case, the prevention of Valentine's Day would be the greatest thing to happen since Groundhog Day. By

the way, did anyone find out if there are six more weeks of winter?

By putting these top five picks into action, I will never have to see another sappy "romantic" movie again or be blinded by so much red and pink that I think I am in a Mandy Moore music video.

And, Charlie Brown will never have to check his mailbox a thousand times a day to see if he got a valentine.

Zach Groves
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BOARD

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Alestle already has a policy for advertising and content display.

The Alestle's policy states, "The Alestle strives to provide its customers with ads that are both aesthetically pleasing and information oriented." The Alestle's policy also states it is guided by its responsibility to protect its readers from advertising that is defamatory.

The ad in question for the movie's DVD release is different than the original ad for the film's initial theatrical release. The original ad showed the two actors as they are in the ad in question, but the centerpiece is a woman figure sitting on a White Castle hamburger. In the picture, she is a cartoon figure wearing blue hot pants and a white shirt. Even though it stops at the midriff, minimal cleavage is shown.

"Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" was released in July of 2004 and grossed just more \$18 million. To me, there is no doubt the ad was changed in order to gain more male appeal to promote sales or rentals of the film's DVD in order to recoup further sales. When making the comparison of the film's own ads, one can draw the conclusion there is nothing aesthetic or

information oriented. The changing of the original cartoon figure into something more drastic can be argued as defamatory.

Bennett wrote her own editorial in response to the criticism. While there are many ways to argue what she wrote, I just want to touch on one statement concerning the definition of pornography. Pornography is not just limited to material depicting erotic behavior intended to cause sexual excitement. Pornography is also in writing, presentation or production, or lurid or sensational material. Photographs by Diane Arbus and Eddie Adams, novels about Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust and Anne Bancroft's attempts at seduction in "The Graduate" have all been labeled as pornographic.

When applying the full context of pornography and the definition of aesthetic, I conclude the ad is probably not in the best interests of the Alestle, based on the time, place and manner in which the ad was posted in the MUC, a point made by Audrey Tallant and one with which I agree.

The Alestle can remove this ad without worrying about its ad

contract. The ad policy states the Alestle has a right to remove or reject ads that it finds go against the ad standards. Also, under time, place and manner laws of free speech, the ad can be removed because they can leave ample alternative means of expression open, such as posting the original and less questionable ad that was used for the film's release.

Bennett and her staff are hard and dedicated workers, working diligently outside of classroom deadlines to meet their own deadlines for the paper in order to ensure its continued success. The ad was probably received and displayed as second nature because that is the way the paper does business. Now the staff hears the voice of the university and must decide through reasoning which action is the best course to follow. No matter what the decision is, it will either change or firmly define the Alestle's own policies and standards. In the end, it serves as a lesson for them and for us who have taken interest. But what really matters is that we all care to begin with.

Gavin Hamilton
Mass Communications

Quote of the Day

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Being alone is not depressing when you are quirky

COURTNEY RAKERS
LIFESTYLES EDITOR
BETHANY EVERETT
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

Valentine's Day is over. Pick up the pieces of your broken pride, drag yourself off the couch, toss out the empty Ben & Jerry's containers and get on with your life. Although the Hallmark-fueled holiday may have brought you down, being single isn't nearly as bad as you think.

So you don't have a significant other? Who cares?

Some of the most fulfilling relationships in life are with ourselves and our friends.

Sasha Cagen introduces the concept of loving yourself and your friends in her book, "Quirkyalone: A Manifesto for Uncompromising Romantics."

Let us examine the definition of quirkyalone. A QA is, "a person who enjoys being single (but is not opposed to being in a relationship) and generally prefers to be alone rather than date for the sake of being in a couple," Cagen said. "(They have) unique traits and an optimistic spirit; a sensibility that transcends relationship status."

Men, fear not. Quirkyalone has an equal-opportunity mentality.

Quirkyalone is a mind-set and a

way of life: anyone can be a quirkyalone.

Cagen said she came up with the concept of QA at a New Year's Eve party.

According to Cagen, as midnight approached, she was still without a recipient for her New Year's kiss.

She stopped and looked around.

"I saw something I hadn't seen before," Cagen said.

"I realized what I was looking at. A sea of people not kissing. In all my obsessive searching, I had never considered this possibility: a New Year's Eve party totally devoid of midnight kiss."

The next morning, standing at an ATM vestibule with her girlfriends, an epiphany hit.

"Quirkyalone stands for self-respect, independent spirit, creativity, true love and confidence," Cagen said.

True love? The idea of an individual who embraces

quirktogether relationship does not ask you to give up your past, to jettison everything you have learned during years of single, sexual, autonomous living," Cagen added.

"Life before the 'relationship' was not just a prologue to the 'real thing'. All of life is the 'real thing'."

The ability to be both together and separate is an important characteristic of any healthy relationship.

QT defines an ideal relationship for those who are happy the way they are. It allows a couple to maintain their separate identities as opposed to losing themselves in the relationship.

So, if you are a quirkyalone, are you denied the sexual advantages of

active or not, QA gives people a new mindset on relationships.

QA is not about being together or alone. It's about how you feel about yourself and holding yourself to the ideals and standards you maintain.

According to Tara Needham, a self-described quirkyalone, "QA is about delighting in life and the myriad relationships that connect us to the world and each other in meaningful ways."

Are you a quirkyalone?

Examine the following statements and indicate whether each one applies to you. If you answer yes to six or more of these statements, you may be a quirkyalone.

1. Display a talent for self-reflection
2. Believe that life can be prosperous and great with or without a mate
3. Create and maintain chosen families of friends
4. Treat life as one big choose-your-own adventure; there is no single road map for adulthood
5. Are not opposed to dating, but prefer not to date for social convention
6. Would rather be alone than be in a relationship in which you have to hold back an essential part of yourself
7. Generally feel a sense of compulsion to make a mark in culture and society, to express yourself, whether through art, writing, a small business or activism
8. Recognize the ways in which society prescribes happiness primarily through romantic love, and understand the failings of such an approach
9. Have had a taste or a glimpse of a great love relationship (or encounter), which intensifies the desire to remain open to the possibility of finding a similar experience
10. Possess a talent at deconstructing love songs equal only to your vulnerability to them

courtesy of www.quirkyalone.net

International Quirkyalone Day a.k.a. Valentine's Day

According to the manifesto, IQD is not anti-Valentine's Day, it just happens to fall on the same day!

Here are some ways to celebrate IQD:

Singles:

Treat yourself to a day at a spa - bring a friend.
Dedicate a song to yourself on the radio.
Make yourself a quirkyalone mix tape.
Take a long drive and sing in the car.
Break "The Rules" ask someone out.

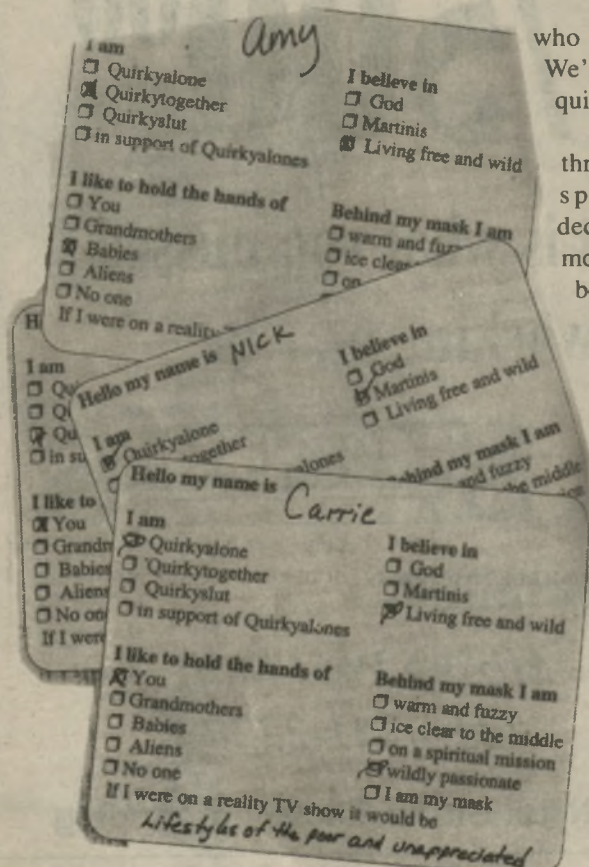
Couples:

Collaborate on a project.
Give each other back rubs or go for a couples massage.
Surprise your partner with a handwritten letter.

Everyone:

Volunteer.
Plant a tree.

List adapted from www.quirkyalone.net



"You know who we are? We're the quirkyalones!"

And through that spontaneous declaration, a movement was born.

singledom but is looking for true love is a foreign concept.

Yet, according to Cagen, "we like being single, but that's not the only reason we spend such long periods in the single state. Our deeply romantic nature commands it - and creates a certain romance that can be equally possible in both coupled and single states."

In other words QAs hold out for true love and do not settle into a mediocre relationship for the sake of a title.

On the other hand, quirkyalones may enter a relationship and maintain their quirky identity through the concept of the quirktogether.

"Quirktogether takes the large scale ethos of holding out for large-scale emotion and respecting the individual's need for space and puts those values into a relationship context," Cagen said.

"Moreover, a

quirktogether relationship does not ask you to give up your past, to jettison everything you have learned during years of single, sexual, autonomous living," Cagen added.

In the Manifesto's Q & A, it is asked, "If I am a quirkyalone, does this mean that I have to be celibate?"

"Not unless you choose to," Cagen said.

Which brings us to the quirkyslut.

"Quirkyslut is a term of personal empowerment and independence," Cagen said. "It underscores the point that you don't need to be in a serious, long-term relationship to explore your sexuality."

"Sleeping with someone who you've only recently met or making-out with a stranger on a trip to Japan doesn't make you a slut - it makes you a quirkyslut, one who continues to have high standards for a romantic relationship for a Saturday (or even Tuesday night) encounter," Cagen added.

Single, coupled, sexually

Hero shares the struggle of surviving life as a slave

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS II
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The Alpha Beta Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. and Campus Activities Board will present the story of one man's struggle and survival in Sudan: From Slavery To Freedom, at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

As part of Black Heritage Month at SIUE, the co-sponsored event will feature a speech by Francis Bok, a former slave in the African country of Sudan. Bok, who was kidnapped during his youth and enslaved in his own country for a decade, now

speaks out against the evils of slavery worldwide and has gained international acclaim for his moving accounts of modern-day slavery across the globe.

"We heard Francis Bok's story and we felt it was our responsibility to bring him to speak," fraternity member Filmon Tekeste said. "His story is an extraordinary one and one that everyone should hear if they want to hear someone speak on something that they've mostly only read about in the history books or seen films based on the subject."

According to the Web site at www.iabolish.com, created by Bok himself, he was abducted in 1986 by Arab militiamen and, after witnessing his entire village

massacred, was strapped to a donkey and taken to Kirio, a region in northern Sudan.

For ten years, he endured beatings and other forms of abuse until his escape in 1996. He was enslaved by local policemen and eventually jailed as a fugitive yet gained his freedom in 1999 when the United Nations intervened and relocated him to North Dakota.

Bok has since become an international hero after being

Bok's mission with that of the fraternity's mission nationally and on the campus of SIUE.

"We're here to educate and inform, as well as entertain," Nixon said. "The entertainment will come later, but right now, we're trying to follow our goals as a social service fraternity by bringing Francis Bok to speak ... we're thankful for the chance to work with CAB again, and we hope that the community will support our efforts during this and other events."

Furthermore, Tekeste said Iota Phi Theta has a duty to present civil concerns to better educate the campus community.

"Our slogan

is, 'It takes a man,'" Tekeste said. "In order to resolve the issues of evils such as slavery, it will take mankind."

Iota Phi Theta will host an informational meeting at 6:55 p.m. Thursday in the board room, on the second floor of the Morris University Center, and the organization will continue the America: Home Of The Homeless clothing and food drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Cougar Village. The next event sponsored by CAB is the Dive-In Movie at 7 p.m. Friday at the Vadabalene Center pool.

For more information on both organizations' coming events, call the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

"His story is an extraordinary one, and one that everyone should hear ..."

~Filmon Tekeste,
Iota fraternity member

named a 'Hero Among Us' by the NBA's Boston Celtics and carrying the Olympic torch in December 2001.

"Francis Bok was the first ex-slave to testify before a Senate Committee in the year 2000," fraternity member Marvin Mitchell said. "He is an extremely powerful speaker, and his story is one that needs to be heard by everyone who wants to stop the evil institution of slavery."

Last year's Black Heritage Month collaboration between Iota Phi Theta and Campus Activities Board brought former Black Panther Party co-founder Bobby Seale to speak. The event drew more than 600 people.

Fraternity member and vice-polaris Kevin Nixon compared

Production makes life one big laugh



EMILY TAUL
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Eugene Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano," written to attack conformities of everyday life and language, will be presented by University Theater this week.

Peter J. Bukalski, a theater professor, is directing the hit.

"The plot is very avant-garde and contains very far-out comedy in experimental form," Bukalski said.

The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16-19 and 2 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Metcalf Student Experimental Theatre.

The cast of 11 people will demonstrate the playwright's scheme that performers must use shocking tactics to bring down conventional theater myths and

stereotypes.

"The play is considered to be a classic of the absurdism movement of the '50s and '60s, and is most likely the most important of its time," Bukalski said.

The idea of the play came to Ionesco while he was trying to learn English using the Assimil method. He was impressed by the contents of the dialogues, often very sober and strange, so he decided to write an absurd play named "L'anglais sans peine" ("English without pain"). The current title was set only after a verbal slip-up made by one of the actors during the repetitions.

This 90-minute show will have students laughing at the hilarious attack Ionesco takes on

the banalities of everyday life.

"The play is labeled anti-theater because it makes fun of everything we do and say, ourselves, that is conventional," Bukalski said.

Students should be warned that this play is not appropriate for easily alarmed persons due to loud noises, blasts, blinking lights, and fanatical behavior.

"Absurdism was a very influential movement of its time, with two basic premises. One, that language has been degenerated to the point of nothing sensible being said, and second, that ordinary life itself has no sensibility," Bukalski said.

For more information about "The Bald Soprano" or to purchase tickets, contact the Theater and Dance Box office at 650-2774.

~ Health Wise ~

Lose the "blues," learn the facts about depression

SARA WEST
LIFESTYLES REPORTER



With Valentine's Day on the backburner, Christmas bills piling up, midterms right around the corner and cold weather that seems to last forever, people may be feeling a little "down in the dumps" this time of year.

Although the Mental Health Foundation said one in five people temporarily feel "blue" during the course of a lifetime, depression may result from consistent, overwhelming low moods.

A health Web site at www.YourMedicalSource.com said depression actually is quite different from these temporary cases of hopeless feelings and is not "all in your head."

"Depression is not a weakness of character," the site said. "Depression is a medical illness linked to changes in the biochemistry of the brain."

Further, the MHF said any individual may become depressed since depression does not discriminate against age, ethnicity or gender. It is estimated that one in 20 individuals may experience clinical depression in a lifetime and nearly 17 million Americans are affected by depression. Though, the statistic is only an estimation because not all people who are depressed seek diagnosis and treatment.

Kwame McKenzie, a writer for the British Medical Association, listed in his pamphlet on depression guidelines for deciding whether a low mood situation is temporary or should be considered depression.

McKenzie said an individual may be experiencing clinical depression "if your low mood affects all parts of your life (home, work, family and social activities), lasts for two weeks or more or brings you to the brink of suicide."

An individual going by the initial K., posted a personal story of the struggle against depression on the MHF's Web site.

"The first time I realized something might be wrong was when I was about 22 or 23 (years old) and people at work began saying I was moody, snappy, grouchy and sad," K. said. "One turning point in my life was the day I couldn't stop crying. The tears were just

flowing with no reason.

"There were days when the world felt it was too much for me, when I wanted to hide under the duvet and shut out the world," K. added.

The National Institute of Mental Health added signs and symptoms of depression to include persistent sad, anxious or empty feelings, loss of interest in hobbies that were once enjoyed and feelings of hopelessness, guilt, pessimism, helplessness or worthlessness.

The institute further noted that people experiencing depression may also experience physical problems such as headaches and upset digestive systems or emotional problems such as soaring or plummeting mood swings.

Currently, scientists are researching depression and the connection between the mind, body and wellness. Along with this study, research has also been done to find possible causes of depression.

The MHF said depression may be increased due to a person's particular genetic makeup.

"There is some evidence that depression seems to run in families, but there is no single gene which causes depression," the foundation said. "We know that depression is associated with changes in the activity of certain brain chemicals ... which affect our mood and thinking."

Moreover, the NIMH said a variety of treatments have proved successful for managing depression. The institute indicated that nearly 90 percent of people respond positively to treatment, which consist of either psychotherapy or medical treatment.

Drug treatments for depression include antidepressant drugs such as dothiepin or fluoxetine (more commonly known as Prozac) or mood stabilizers such as lithium carbonate for those

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Questions? Attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 16, at 4:30 p.m. in the International Room.

Let love show

AMBER ERNST
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Campus Activities Board invites students to come show their love and spirit for SIUE in the Cougar Craze: I Love SIUE event.

The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center and will feature games, prizes and lots of love.

"This event has been designed to tag along with the Valentine's Day theme, but with a little love for SIUE involved as well," CAB Entertainment Chair

Joe Gibbons said.

The games include golf, a duck pond, bean bag toss, ring toss and banana darts. There will be an array of prizes given out as well, including "I Love SIUE" T-shirts.

"As are many of our Cougar Crazes, this event is being held mainly to get students involved and to have some fun while on their lunch break or between classes," Gibbons said.

For more information about Cougar Craze: I Love SIUE, e-mail Joe Gibbons at jgibbon@siue.edu or Jennifer Barbour at jbarbou@siue.edu.

Swimming and a movie

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Campus Activities Board and Campus Recreation are giving students and faculty a chance to immerse themselves in an evening of entertainment.

The Vadalabene Center's indoor pool will be open for the "Dive-In" Movie, from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday. The event is open to the campus community and its family members.

"The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie" will be shown.

"You can either float or hang out in the pool or sit in the bleachers and enjoy the show,"

CAB adviser Alyssa Bodeux said. "It's an enjoyable event for those who come out, and it's usually a pretty good draw."

The event has become popular with families as well as students.

"I went last time they had a movie showing at the pool," sophomore Erin Westbrook said. "I thought that it was a good time, and a very wholesome event. Even if you don't like the movie, you can always enjoy the pool."

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Campus Activities Board will bring a little cultural flavor to SIUE with another International Film Series event featuring the award winning comedy, "Bend it Like Beckham."

The free movie will begin at 6 p.m. Friday in Abbott Auditorium of the Lovejoy Library for students, faculty, and staff. Snacks will also be provided.

According to www.SIUEvents.com, " 'Bend it Like Beckham' is a comedy about bending the rules to reach your goal. Set in Hounslow, West London and Hamburg, the film follows two 18-year-olds (girls) with their

hearts set on a future in professional soccer. Heart-stopping talent doesn't seem to be enough when your parents want you to hang up your football boots, find a nice boyfriend and learn to cook the perfect chapatti."

"Everyone enjoys going to the movies, and we at CAB thought that this would be a great medium to reach the students so that they can learn a little about various cultures and traditions through these award winning movies," Campus Activities Board's Multicultural Programs Chair Melanie Rodrigues said.

For more information, e-mail Rodrigues at merodri@siue.edu or Alyssa Bodeux at abodeux@siue.edu.

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who suffer from mood disorders.

Non-drug treatments include cognitive-behavior therapy, which emphasizes the significance of behaving in ways that challenge negative thoughts, counseling, which helps people who are depressed find new solutions to coping with difficulties, and electroconvulsive therapy, which sends an electrical shock to the brain through electrodes placed on the head and should only be used for individuals who are severely depressed or those who do not respond to any other type of treatment.

The personal story posted by K. also held truth to the benefits of treatment for depression.

"I also began seeing

a counselor, and over the weeks, episodes from my life emerged that helped me understand why I was suffering from depression," K. said. "I finally began to realize it wasn't my fault ... and this realization helped me accept that I did have depression.

"I had my down days, my down weeks, but on the whole, life was worth something again," K. added.

Mental health services may be found on the SIUE campus for those individuals who are feeling more than a little "down" and seeking beneficial reinforcement.

For more information on depression or to privately speak with a counselor, contact SIUE Counseling Services at 650-2197.

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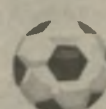
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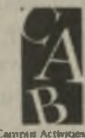
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Sports Quote of the Day

"I liked the choreography, but I didn't care for the costume."

~ Tommy Tune (a dancer) in reference to basketball.

Coming up
Men's tennis competes at Principia University 4 p.m. Tuesday.



Cougars torpedo UMSL's ship

Men's basketball rocked the Rivermen 82-52 to end its two-game losing skid in GLVC

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS STRINGER

Over the weekend the SIUE men's basketball team showed its resiliency upon rebounding from the loss to Quincy University Thursday to thrash the University of Missouri-St. Louis Saturday.

The 18th-ranked Cougars suffered a 74-65 loss Thursday to the Hawks at the Pepsi Arena in Quincy.

They bounced back quickly, though, and after marching into the Mark Twain Building Saturday, they routed the UMSL Rivermen with a resounding 82-52 victory.

Head coach Marty Simmons yearned for the victory over Quincy, but settled for the win over UMSL.

"(Quincy) was a game we wanted to win badly," Simmons said. "We didn't get the stops we needed down the stretch, but in the (Great Lakes Valley Conference), you can't think about those things.

"I think our guys did a good job of putting that behind them," he added. "I'm proud of the way we bounced back."

Coming off of a Feb. 5 loss to Lewis University, the Cougars entered Thursday's game against Quincy trying to avoid their first back-to-back string of defeats since Murray State defeated them on Nov. 20.

However, Quincy's 6-9 center Phil Gettinger came out of the gates hot. Gettinger scored on his first three shots and carried the Hawks on his back all night, pouring in a game-high 31 points on 9 of 16 shooting from the field. He also knocked down 11 out of 14 trips to the foul line.

"Gettenger played a good game," Simmons said. "And, he got us in some foul trouble inside."

Quincy, who was 15-8 overall and 11-5 in the GLVC, made 55 percent of their field goals in the first half, but SIUE withstood the early assault. One reason the Cougars were able to stay close was Quincy's inability to hold on to the basketball. SIUE capitalized on the Hawks' miscues, scoring 19 points off turnovers in the opening period. The two teams entered halftime dead even at 28.

The Hawks came out of the

locker room flying high in the second half, kicking the period off on a 15-2 run to take a commanding 43-20 lead.

Quickly, the Cougars clawed their way back into the game. Coming out of a timeout with 5:21 remaining in the contest, SIUE senior forward Tim Bauersachs knotted the score up at 53 on an old-fashioned three-point play. He finished the game with team-highs of 20 points and 6 rebounds.

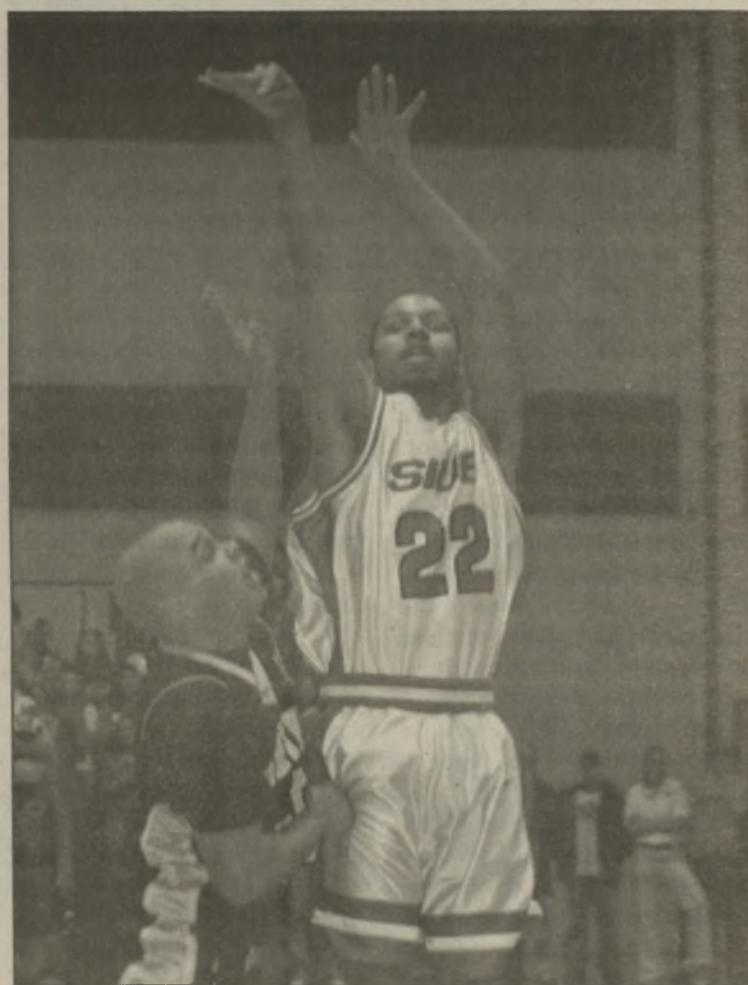
The game-tying shot was not enough, however. Quincy guard Ryan Walker came alive late in the game to knock down a pair of jumpers.

Quincy sealed SIUE's fate with good free throw shooting down the stretch. They dropped in 12 of 14 from the charity stripe in the game's final two minutes.

SIUE scored 33 points off the Hawks' 25 turnovers. And freshman phenom, J.B. Jones, turned in a good game, netting 19 points and six steals to go along with Bauersach's efforts.

However, the rest of the Cougars combined for just 26 points on an abysmal 28.1

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE
Freshman guard J. B. Jones throws up a shot for the Cougars in a recent home game. The Cougars beat UMSL 82-52 Saturday.

Men's tennis serves up the first win of the season

RYAN PEEBLES
SPORTS STRINGER

The men's tennis team delivered its first win of the season Friday.

Just coming off the loss from Saint Louis University, the Cougars faced the Lindenwood Lions last Friday and brought home, not only the first win of the season, but also some reassurance in their team.

Head coach Bill Logan was impressed with the results of the win, especially since Lindenwood outplayed SIUE last season.

"I am pleased that we did as well as we did," Logan said. "It was a good effort for the team by

winning (against Lindenwood).

"This is good because we lost to them last year," he added.

"This was a good win," said junior Matt Warner. "We lost to them last year and we know we have a really good team this year, it really helped reassure everyone what we still know about our team."

Warner, along with sophomore Justin Free and freshman Dan Glon won all three singles matches to knot up the Lions 3-3.

Logan noted the contributions Free made in the singles match up where he was the deciding factor in the Cougars' win.

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Wisdom chips in 21 for Cougars to blast the Riverwomen 73-60 in St. Louis

JONG CAMBRON
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE women's basketball team erased a five-game losing streak with a 73-60 win against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverwomen Saturday after crumbling to the Quincy University Hawks 79-52 Thursday.

Junior guard Amber Wisdom led the way with a career-high 21 points on 75 percent shooting and was perfect from beyond the arc on her three attempts.

"Amber really stepped up and that is what we have been hoping she would do," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "It was pretty nice for her to hit the

3-point shot and reach the free throw line. It was a good all-around game for her."

Overall, the Cougars shot 62 percent from the floor in the first half and took a seven-point lead into halftime.

The Cougars then jumped out of the gates during the opening minutes of the second half courtesy of a 14-4 run to expand their lead by 15 points. The Riverwomen eventually cut the lead to eight points before Wisdom drained a three to bring the double-digit back on.

"(UMSL) came out in the



AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE
Junior guard Amber Wisdom aims for the basket as the Cougars pounced on the Riverwomen 73-60 Saturday.

second half a little bit sluggish, so we held our lead," Hedberg said.

Sophomore forward Julianne
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Wrestling goes to the mat in weekend matches in the Central Missouri State Jamboree and at home against Northern Illinois

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

Before falling flat in the wrestling team's third home match of the season, its winning ways peaked in the Central Missouri State Jamboree in all-weekend action.

In the team's return home against Northern Illinois Sunday, the SIUE grapplers were thrashed in every weight category to fall 0-40 on the day.

"(Northern Illinois University) is a (NCAA) Division I school with scholarships," assistant coach Ron Bessemer said. "They are in a competitive league and get better, all-around athletes."

"We gave them a good go," he added.

The closest matches were between SIUE freshman Eric Scholle and NIU wrestler Danny Burk in the 174-weight class, where Scholle was downed 3-2. SIUE sophomore Joe Rujawitz also fell 4-1 to NIU Kalen Knoll in the 149 class.

However, decisions were a little different Saturday in the Jamboree when the Cougars chalked up two victories over Southwestern Minnesota State

University 25-12 and the Fort Hays State University Tigers 28-15.

SIUE overwhelmed SWMSU in most of the weight classes, including a heavyweight forfeit win by senior Branden Lorek.

Junior Matt Warren of the 157 class led the attack after pinning Keith Robinson.

Sophomores Steve Chico of the 133 group took down Kurt Smith 7-4 and Bill

Breheny at 141 defeated Jeff Cooley.

"The men did an outstanding job," Bessmer said.

The winning trend continued against FHSU, pounding its wrestlers to the mat in the heavier weight classes in all but three matches. Junior Matt Warren and sophomore Scott Audo both fell in their classes, and the Cougars competed without a heavyweight, forcing them to forfeit the match.

Chico pinned Dustin Greenmeyer of FHSU to collect his second win of the day, complementing SIUE's other victories.

The streak came to an end, though, at the hands of the Indianapolis University



Sophomore grappler Bill Brehony attempts to pin his opponent Sunday against Northern Illinois University at the Vadalabene Center. The wrestling team lost to the Huskies, but picked up two wins Saturday in the Central Missouri State Jamboree to push the season record to 4-12-1.

DREW WILKE / THE ALESTLE

Greyhounds.

While Chico won again to bump his individual record to 15-13 this season, his teammates either lost by forfeit, by fall or were edged.

According to Bessemer, the team was almost at full health, which contributed to the teams' 2-2 record over the weekend.

"Our guys are starting to put things together and it showed," Bessmer said. "They are wrestling better than they have all year."

Bessemer hopes to see more of the same in the team's last home match of the season against Central Oklahoma University.

"Central Oklahoma is always one of the best Division II teams in the country," Bessemer said. "But we are going to go in with the same attitude and let the chips fall."

SIUE takes on COU at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center.

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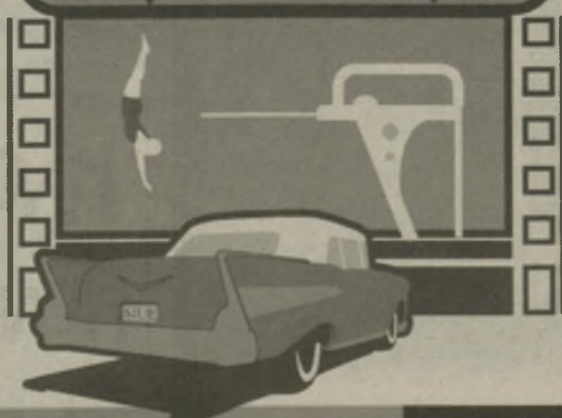
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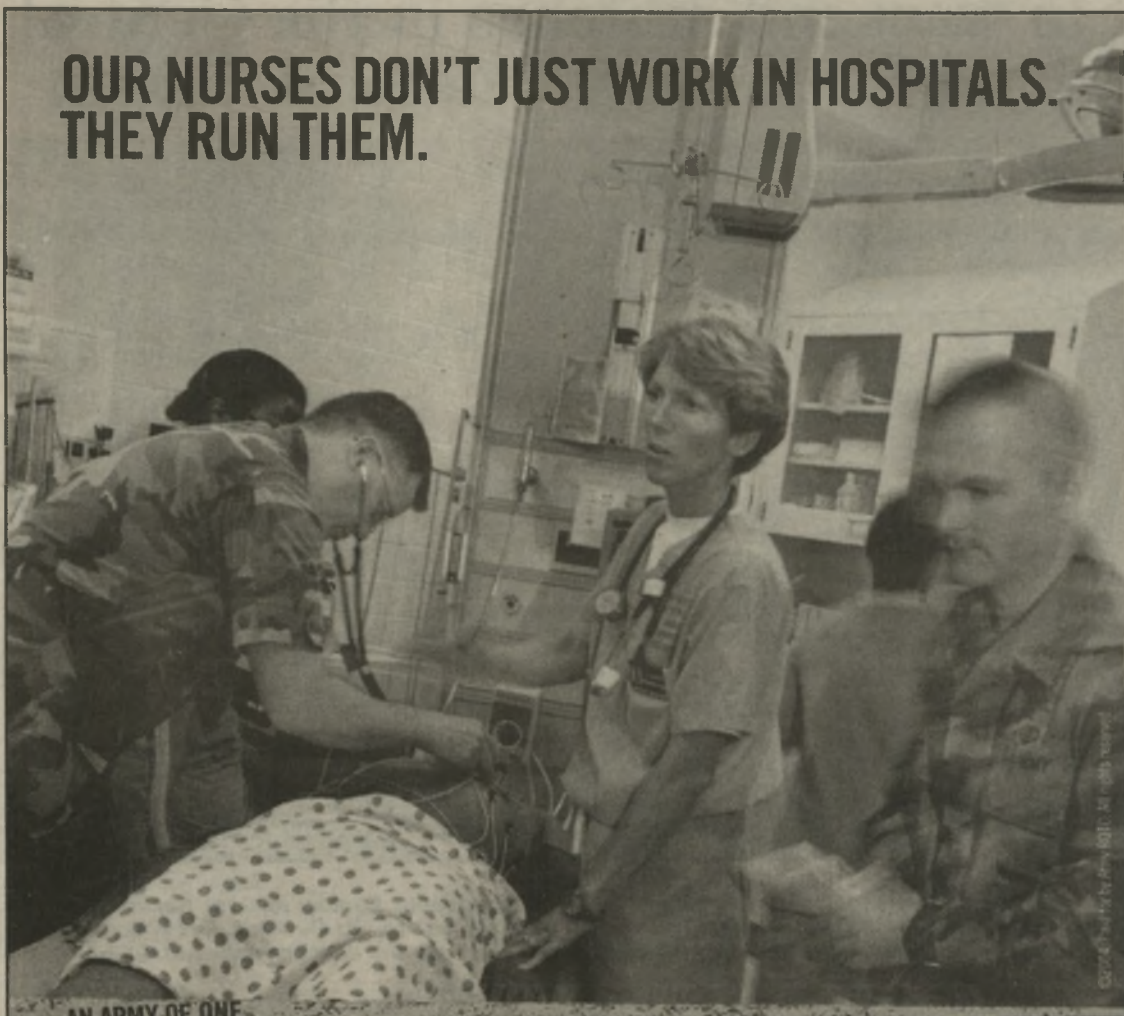
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percent shooting from the field.

Simmons admitted that it was an off night, and credited SIUE's poor play in part to Quincy's tenacity.

"I think (the loss) was a combination of both. Quincy played good D, and we didn't execute like we had to," Simmons said. "They made a couple of big plays down the stretch, and their guys off the bench did a good job.

"Competition in the GLVC is tough," he added. "You've got to give our opponents a lot of credit. We just did not match with the intensity of Lewis (on Feb. 5)... and Quincy had won four in a row and seven of nine."

The Cougars entered Saturday's game poised for redemption.

"We just talked about where we were at as a team (on Friday)," said Simmons. "We felt like we were getting better, and it just seemed like guys had extra energy."

UMSL entered Saturday's game coming off of an emotional double-overtime victory over Lewis University.

This contest was not nearly as close, though. SIUE blew the Rivermen right out of the water in the 82-52 sinking.

Junior forward Justin Ward led the way with 16 points. Four Cougars scored in double-figures, including senior center Dan Heimos, who kicked in 10 points and 12 rebounds to go with his five blocks.

The Cougars were also stingy on defense, holding the Rivermen, who are 7-16 overall and 4-13 in the GLVC, to an icy 25 percent field goal percentage in the game. UMSL's shooting was absolutely frigid in the second half upon shooting 6

for 28.

The Cougars, on the other hand, played lights out. They shot 57.7 percent from the field and were ablaze from beyond the arc, going 8-13.

"It was a total team effort," Simmons said. "We have not been running on all cylinders for about a month, but the guys came out and played a complete game at both ends of the court."

The Cougars went on a 23-4 run early in the first half and never looked back. They took a sizeable 49-26 advantage into the locker room at halftime. A three-pointer by senior Joel Jaye with 5:11 into the second half gave them their biggest lead of the game up 63-31 at that point.

SIUE stormed the basket all night long, scoring 42 points in the paint.

The 30-point margin of victory was SIUE's largest conference win on the road ever. And, it was their largest conference win since February 1997, when the Cougars manhandled the St. Joseph's Pumas 106-68.

Defeating UMSL brought the Cougars' record to 19-6 overall. They stand one game behind the 16th-ranked Southern University Screaming Eagles who are 14-2 in the GLVC and 19-4 on the season.

The Cougars hope to come back at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center and celebrate the last home game of the season with a win over the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers.

"Our focus is on Thursday," said Simmons. "It's the last week for our seniors to play at home, and that's special. We've got six seniors, and we're going to go out and dedicate this game to them."

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"It was all decided by Free on his match," Logan said. "He won the first set 6-0, but fell 3-6. He then came back and won the third set for the win."

The Cougars, however, dominated the doubles match with pairs of Warner and Free, Glon and junior Matt Kuban, and sophomore Andrew Reznack and senior Andy Renner took all three matches, nabbing the Cougars the 5-3 victory.

"We really needed all of our doubles points for the match," said Warner.

Warner also added that the team is "still very excited about the season and they all feel strong about their upcoming matches."

The Cougars stand at 1-1 for the season and their next match starts at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Principia University in Elsah.

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WOMENS

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McMillen and freshman guard Whitney Sykes scored in double figures with 12 points each. McMillen also led the team with seven rebounds.

Thursday the Cougars were given a chance to end their losing streak at Quincy University.

However, Quincy forward Jessica Stuckman led all scorers with 21 points to carry the Lady Hawks past the struggling Cougars.

"They just came out and shot the ball extremely well in the first half," Hedberg said. "We were going to change it up to go man and they still hit it from three-point land."

Quincy raced to a 22-point halftime on the strength of their three-point accuracy. They hit eight of 10 three-pointers and shot better than 53 percent from the field in the first half.

"I actually thought we could stay with the (man-to-man coverage)," Hedberg said. "But when you hit threes against man that is pretty good. (Quincy) shot 80 percent from the three-point line."

The Cougars were held in check by Quincy's defense as only McMillen and junior guard Lindy Carey scored in double figures with 11 points a piece. The Cougars ended the game by shooting 39 percent from the floor and connected on only five of 18 three-point attempts.

SIUE led by as much as five points early in the game and were up 15-14 on a three by Carey before Quincy reeled off an impressive 29-6 run to close out the first half.

Hedberg admitted that the Cougars' sluggish defense led to their poor shooting.

"When we are struggling defensively, we struggle offensively," Hedberg said. "You can't trade three (points) for two or twos for threes."

"We shot okay in the first half, but the biggest thing is turnovers," she added.

The Cougars turned the ball over 23 times which led to 28 points for Quincy while SIUE only managed seven points off of 12 Quincy turnovers.

"Teams are going to score at least 20 points off of that many turnovers," Hedberg said. "Overall, it was a physical game and we did not step up to it."

The Cougars are now 11-14 overall and sit in seventh place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 6-10 record with only two home games left this season, starting Thursday evening against the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers.

"Wesleyan is a huge game," Hedberg said. "We hope to get the people to come out and back us up."

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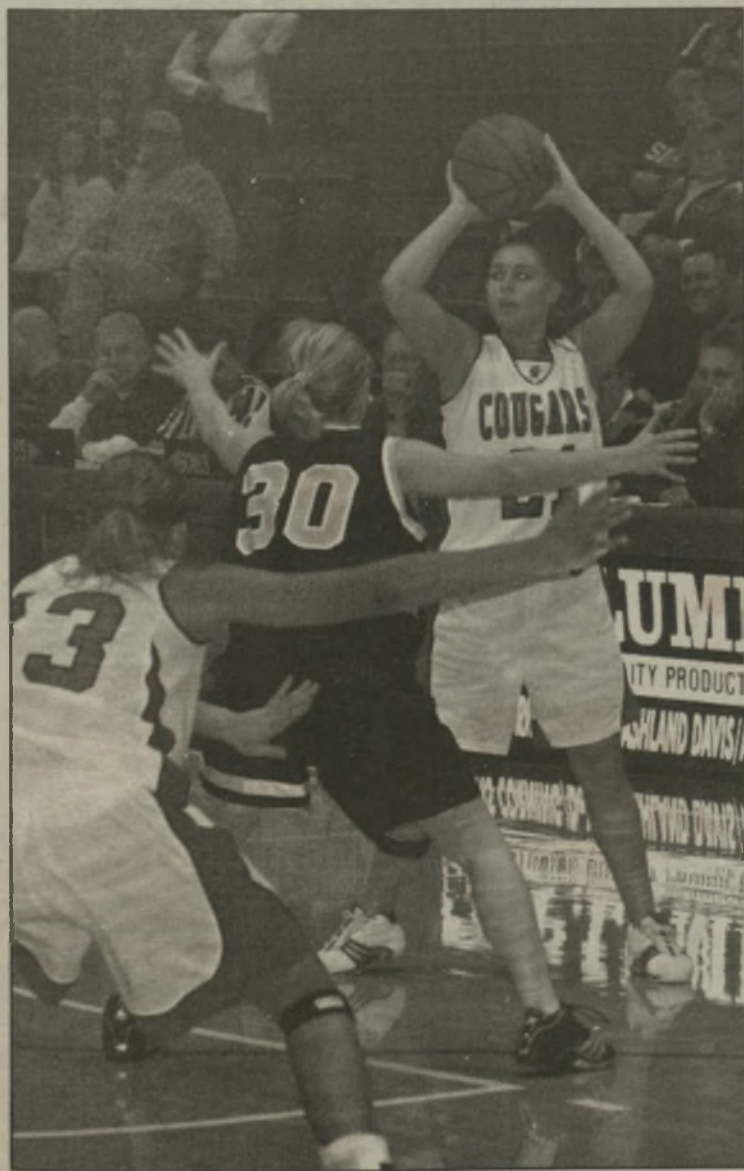
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Freshman guard Tiffany Sproat and the women's basketball team looks to continue its winning ways after downing UMSL 73-60.

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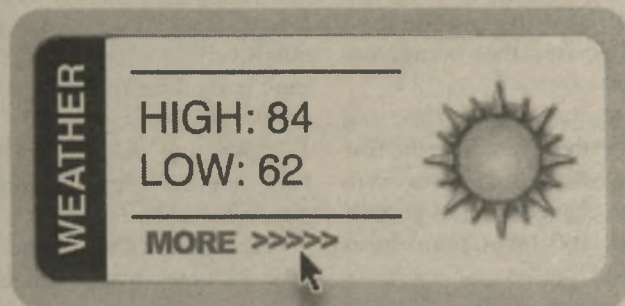
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Happy Valentine's Day

My sweet babboette, Valentine's Day is groovy whether we're at home or a movie. Each day is better in my life now that we're husband and wife.

I love you, your Babboo.

Brian, happy Valentine's Day. I love you so much and have treasured every moment we have spent together!

Love Forever Elise.

Mom, Grace and Holly - Happy Valentine's Day! I miss you and will be thinking of you!

Love Forever your Elise.

To: Mr. Pretty Boy Ace. My life would be purposeless without you. You are my other half. It's you that helps me be myself. I'm thankful for what we share.

Happy V-day!
Loving you Sparkle.

Aaron- Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie! I want to thank you for being such a special part of my life. I love you more than anything. You are my world.

I love you always!
Kristin

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